SONG:

The Old Womans Wish.

To the Tune of the Old Mans Wish.

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Since Beauty now fails
And I find I decay,
Let this be my Wish;
In a Chimney not gay,
May I have a warme corner
And a Bench that's compleat
And a cleanly young Wench
To sweep the Hearth neat.

May I govern the Toung
By my wholesome advice;
And as older, grow nearer
To be Still d prophetes;
Without pride, yet my name
Than the Sibills not less

II

In a Garden that's furnish'd
With herbs for the Still,
And a bed of choice Sallets,
Which I weed at my will;
With a spacious Meade,
And a delicate Cow
And an Arbour to set
And heare Colly to low:
May I govern the Toung &c.

III.

With a boild Chick on Sunday, And a Dumpling that's fost, And a full teeming Jug, With a motto that Oft May have puzzled the learnd,
By the Old Sages writ;
Which in Letters of blew,
Is stain'd round about it.
May I govern the Young &c.

IV.

With a Book of Feat tales,
And pleafant Old Story's
And riddles by Saxons made
Long lived before us:
With a dish of Mine'd Meat,
Or Pigs Petritoes;
No gristles nor Brawn,
To give dangerous blows.
May I govern the Toung &c.

V

With a Conscience untainted,
May I pass my last day,
And when I am gon,
May the good Women say
In the Morning at mattens,
In the E'en at her Ale,
She's gon, and he's happy
Can tell out her tale:
For she govern'd the Toung
By her wholesome advice;
And as older grew nearer,
To be stil'd prophetess;
Without pride, yet her name

Then the Sibils not less.

By & P.]

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